



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5861

January Session, 2001

AN ACT INCREASING THE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMANTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Subsection (a) of section 31-312 of the general statutes is repealed
2 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) [A person] An employee receiving medical attention under the
4 provisions of this chapter and required to be absent from work for
5 medical treatment, examination, laboratory tests, x-rays or other
6 diagnostic procedures, and not otherwise receiving or eligible to
7 receive weekly compensation, shall be compensated for the time lost
8 from the job for required medical treatment and tests at the rate of [his]
9 such employee's average earnings, but not less than at the minimum
10 wage established by law, provided the amount payable in any one
11 week shall not exceed the employee's weekly compensation rate. [of
12 the individual.] Time lost from the job shall include necessary travel
13 time from the plant to the place of treatment, the time for the treatment
14 and any other time that is necessary for the treatment, examination or
15 laboratory test. The employer shall furnish or pay for the
16 transportation of the employee by ambulance or taxi where
17 transportation is medically required from the point of [his] departure
18 for treatment and return. In all other cases, the employer shall furnish
19 the employee transportation or [reimburse him] reimbursement for the
20 cost of transportation actually used, at [the rate of fifteen cents per mile

21 for a private motor vehicle] a rate equal to the federal mileage
22 reimbursement rate for use of a privately owned automobile set forth
23 in 41 CFR Part 301-10.303, as from time to time amended, for a private
24 motor vehicle or the cost incurred for public transportation, from the
25 employee's point of departure, whether [his] from the employee's
26 home or place of employment, and return, if the employee is required
27 to travel beyond a one-fare limit on an available common carrier from
28 the point of departure to the place of treatment, examination or
29 laboratory test. Where the medical attention or treatment is provided
30 at a time other than during the employee's regular working hours and
31 the employee is not otherwise receiving or eligible to receive weekly
32 compensation, [he] the employee shall be compensated for the time
33 involved for the medical treatment as though it were time lost from the
34 job at the rate of [his] the employee's average hourly earnings and shall
35 be paid for the cost of necessary transportation as provided in this
36 subsection.

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